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### **Subject: Forty VEF Fellows and Twelve Visiting Scholars of Cohort 2007 to attend top U.S. Universities**

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Ha Noi, June 11, 2007 – The Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) introduced today its new cohort of 40 Fellows who will travel to the U.S. to begin their graduate studies at 27 top universities in the Fall of 2007; and its first cohort of 12 Visiting Scholars who will travel to the U.S. for professional development programs.

These 40 new Fellows will be attending graduate schools in the fields of computer science, engineering (electrical, environmental, civil, mechanical, industrial, and chemical), physics, biomedical sciences, public health, and mathematics at top U.S. universities (see list below).

With this new cohort, VEF will have placed a total of 230 Fellows in 62 leading U.S. universities as of Fall 2007.

Together with this new group of Fellows, VEF has also successfully selected 12 Scholars under its new pilot project, the Visiting Scholar Program (VSP). The VSP is intended for Vietnamese nationals who already hold a doctorate in a field of science, technology, engineering, or math, referred to as the STEM disciplines. The purpose of the VSP is professional development, which may include studies, research, and/or observational activities, to take place in cooperation with a leading U.S. academic institution. After returning to Vietnam, the Scholars will train others in the skills learned in the U.S. as the VSP is a training-of-trainers (TOT) program.

Dr. Toi Vo, Executive Director of VEF, said, “We are very delighted with the success of the two programs over the last year. These Fellows and Scholars have gone through a very competitive selection process and have proven themselves deserving to participate in each program in the U.S. We look forward to the moment when they will come back to Vietnam and contribute to the scientific and academic development of the country.”

The VEF Fellows and Scholars will begin departing for the U.S. after a special leadership/team-building program in Da Lat from June 7- 10, followed by a pre-departure orientation seminar in Ho Chi Minh City from June 11 – 13, 2007

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**UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY 2007 VEF FELLOWS**

1. Brown University
2. Clemson University
3. Columbia University
4. Duke University
5. Emory University
6. Georgia Institute of Technology
7. Iowa State University
8. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
9. Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
10. Michigan State University
11. Purdue University
12. University of California, Berkeley
13. University of California, Davis
14. University of California, Los Angeles
15. University of California, San Diego
16. University of Florida
17. University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign
18. University of Iowa
19. University of Maryland, College Park
20. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
21. University of Minnesota
22. University of Missouri – Columbia
23. University of Pennsylvania
24. University of Texas at Austin
25. University of Texas at Houston
26. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
27. Washington State University